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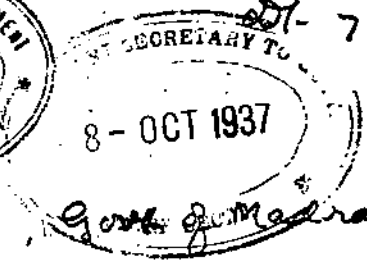
District Councils - Bellary - Panchama Girls' Hostel - Grant - Admission of pupils below IV Standard - Orders passed.

Bellary

Dt. 7.10.37



To

The Secretary, Govt. of Madras

Madras

Sir

Dev. 4310 IV
12.10.37

I the undersigned, want to have an interview with the minister Labour Department in Connection with an urgent matter concerning the Panchama Girls' Hostel Bellary.

Please therefore let me know at your earliest Convenience when we would meet at Madras and at Bellary.

Yours Sincerely

M. Satyavanta Rao
B.Sc B.L.
Pleader
Bellary

N.B.
One Anna Stamp is herewith affixed for reply.
M.S.

From

Hostel, Bellary.

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21.10.37

To

The Government of Madras,

(Labour Department). Madras

REFERENCE:- Panchama Girls' Hostel, Bellary.

(P) G.O.Ms: 602 Development Department dated 15th April 1936 and G.O No.776 Public Works & Labour Department dated 23-3-34.

(V) Copy of the letter of the Commissioner of Labour dated 20-9-37.

Copy of the reply to the above letter dated 6-10-37.

APPLICATION ON BEHALF OF THE PANCHAMA GIRLS' HOSTEL, BELLARY.

I, the undersigned, Secretary of the Panchama Girls' Hostel, Bellary, beg to submit the following for favourable consideration and early orders of the Government:

1. The above Hostel was started in July 1931 under the auspices of the Manila Mithawadi Mandal, Bellary, with a view to provide facilities for the Panchama girls to receive Elementary and Higher education, to train them in clean habits and above all to be self-less workers for the uplift of their own community.

2. The said Hostel is under the management of the respectable ladies of the town.

3. The girls are given free boarding, lodging, dressing and books and are sent to local recognised schools, Government and semi-Government.

4. The Hostel is located in a Rent-free public building near the present Municipal Office. The Hostel can make use of the building as long as it works. The building is a spacious one with open space all round and situated in a very convenient locality for such an Institution.

5. The Hostel for the Panchama girls was run for nearly three years on public subscriptions only. When

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When the Institution showed signs of steady progress, the Government was approached for grant. As per G.O.No. 776 of 1934, the Government paid a sum of Rs.400/- for maintaining 10 Girls for two years each and seeing the progress of the Institution and that the grant was well-spent, the Government was pleased to increase the grant to Rs. 600/- for maintaining fifteen girls at the recommendation of the then Commissioner Mr.Rutherford as per G.O No. 602 of 36 for the year 1936-37. Mr.F.W.Stewart, I.C.S., who was Collector of Bellary in 1934 was pleased on a personal visit to the Hostel to recommend for the grant.

6. The Institution has up till now admitted 72 girls but on account of the ignorance of the parents not knowing the value of educating the girls, only 31 girls are at present on the roll. This number has been steady and the present girls also seem to be steady. One girl is reading in the Fourth Standard and the rest in the Second and First Standards. By gradual persuation and propaganda of Harijan Sevak Sangh and Mahila Hithawadi Mandal, the parents and the girls also have just begun to understand the usefulness of the Institution which can further increase if any new formula of primary education is introduced.

7. When the Hostel is in such infant, yet progressive stage and is in need of much financial and other help from the Government and public for further progress, all of a sudden, comes a letter from the Commissioner of Labour, dated 30-9-37, a copy of which was communicated to the Secretary on 4-10-1937 stating that unless there are sufficient number of boarders in the Hostel, reading in Standard IV and above, the Hostel will not be subsidised. The two previous G.Os referred to above, do not lay down any such condition. This new condition, whether so intended

intended or not, will virtually abolish all grants to Panchama Girls' Hostels which are very few in number in this Province. It is an admitted fact that in our country the Girls' education is backward. In a place like Bellary where four Boys' High Schools are very well thriving, one Girls' High School is not showing decent strength in higher classes inspite of enormous expense on it. The economic as well as social reasons are working against the ~~gkk~~ higher education of girls. Such being the case in higher communities, the education of the Panchama Girls is still in a very very infant stage. In these circumstances, to limit the grants to Hostels (not individual scholarships) to girls of the 4th standard and above is nothing short of of infanticide and is highly discouraging to Social workers and pioneers plodding in this field. On the other hand we earnestly hope that the Commissioner of Labour should be sympathetic and less exacting in his attitude to such infant institutions. struggling to over-come all obstacles due to the apathy of the public and ignorance, poverty and bad habits of the parents of the Panchama girls. This year instead of thinking to deduct a sum of Rs.22/- because the schools did not work exactly for ten months but 11 days less and the Hostel should be presumed to have been closed also during that period without any margin of time to enable the girls to go to their homes, the Commissioner could have taken into account the facts that the Hostel was run for some orphan girls even in the vacation and that more than the required number was fed throughout the year. Last year a sum of Rs. 92/- was deducted from the grant on account of the closure of the Hostel due to Plague, though it was kept open in the summer vacation to make up for the loss after a making arrangements for private tution. An unsymathetic and mechanical attitude is likely to do immense harm than good to all works of pioneering nature which are to be undertaken even though it means loss or even waste of energy and money.

8. There are some orphan girls in the hostel having no home of theirs. For such girls the Hostel has to be kept open throughout the year for twelve months. Some of these orphans may or may not be of school-going age. In the case of Harijan Orphan girls the considerations about the age for admission may be kindly ignored. It is therefore necessary that the grant should be given to this Hostel for twelve months instead of ten months.

9. The rate of grant at present is Rs. 4 per boarder per mensem. This being a Girls' Hostel the expense towards clothing, oil and whitewashing will be more than for boys. The rate of grant may be increased to Rs. 5/- per boarder per mensem.

10. Now the grant is given for only fifteen girls. The Hostel has steadily maintained twenty girls last year. If financial facilities are given, the organiser can increase the number of girls. The grant may therefore be given for twenty girls.

11. The Secretary begs to submit another constructive proposal to the Government. As already stated, the Hostel is an infant, but progressive stage. It is one of the well-equipped decently located Institutions and has lived a real life for six years. Its present strength is 21. The Government can take over the whole concern into its own hands and convert this into a model Institution. The Mahila Hithawadi Mandal, if so desired, will render its honarary service for supervision, for increasing the number of girls and other auxillary matters; or else, this work can be entrusted to the District Harijana / Sevak Sangha.

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18. In these circumstances. the Secretary requests the Government:-

(1) To sanction Rs. 600 this year immediately as usual consolidating the two instalments as the first allotment is not paid as yet.

(2) To over-rule the objection of the Commissioner that there are not sufficient number of boarders reading in Standard IV and above atleast for ten years more.

(3) To over-rule the reasons of the Commissioner for deducting Rs.22/- this year.

(4) To order payment of Rs. 92 deducted last year from the grant,

(5) To sanction grant to the Hostel for twenty girls at the rate of Rs. 5/- per girl per mensam for 12 months without age limit in case of orphan girls only.

(6) To consider the proposal of taking over the Hostel into the Government's hands and to take such other steps as the Government may deem fit to take in the interests of the unfortunate Harijan girls.

Yours Faithfully,

M. Shanta Bai

Secretary.

Panchama Girls' Hostel,
Bellary.
Dated 12'October 1937.

To

The Government
of Madras.
(Labour Department.)

Madras.

enclosures:-

1. main Application
1. copy of G.O.(Ms)No.602. Development Department Dt. 15.4.36.
1. copy of letter A.6.4611/37 Dt. 20.9.37 from the Commissioner of Labour & Rural uplift, Madras to the Collector, Bellary the copy which was communicated to the Secretary of the Panchama Girls' Hostel
1. copy of the reply of the Secretary to the Commissioner of Labour & Rural uplift

Copy of G.O. No. Mis 602 Development Department dt. 15-4-1936

(P) Depressed Classes Boarding Panchama Girls' Hostel - Increased grant during 1936-37 - Sanctioned. Order

Government Sanction the payment to the Panchama Girls Hostel Bellary during 1936-37 of an increased grant not exceeding Rs. 60/- towards maintenance of fifteen depressed class girls in the hostel, subject to the following conditions

1. That preference in the admission of pupils to the hostel should be given to applicants living outside Bellary.

2. That proper accounts should be maintained and made available for inspection by the Officers of the Labour department and by the examiner of local fund accounts.

3. That the hostel authorities should provide for the boarding of fifteen depressed class girls and that if the strength falls below this number, proportionate reduction will be made.

and 4 that the amount of the grant shall be dispersed on the basis of the number of girls in the hostel at the beginning of the school year, but will be subject to recovery after the actual number of girls boarded during the year is known.

2. It is seen that most of the pupils in the hostel are reading only in Standards I & II. Unless there are sufficient number of boarders in the hostel reading in Standard IV and above the hostel will not be subsidized. The Honorary Secretary of the Hostel may be informed accordingly

Ref. C.L.I.4931/37 Dt. 28.5.37 from Collector's Office Bellary.

Copy of the Commissioner of Labour & Rural Uplift, Madras A.6.4611/37 Dt. 20.5.37 is Communicated to the Hon. Secretary of the Panchama Hostel Bellary

xxxxx2.xxx A sum of Rs. 224. as ordered by the Commissioner of Labour and Rural uplift Madras be credited into the Sub-Treasury Bellary and the fact intimated along with the Chalan to the Collector

3 Reply should be sent for Q. & III and para 2 of the reference as early as possible.

2. The expenditure will be met from the provision in the budget estimate for 1936-37 under "31-11 Miscellaneous departments - Labour Transferred - A - Depressed Classes Education & grants-in-aid"

Endorsement No. D. Dis 2025/36 Dt. 23-4-'36 of the Commissioner of Labour, Madras.

Communicated to the Collector of Bellary for information. He may draw and disburse the grant during 1936-37 subject to the conditions specified in the G.O. His attention is in this connection drawn to Labour Commissioner's Circular No. A4, 48-3/36 Dt. 24-5-36. Necessary funds for the current year have been distributed in the Labour Commissioner's circular No. D. 1086/36 Dt. 7-4-36.

D. Dis C. 1984/36

Bellary Collector's Office
Dt. 30th April 1936

Communicated to the Dt. Labour Officer Bellary for necessary action.

Dt. Labour Officer Bella

Dt. 23-6-1936

Copy communicated to the Manager, Bellary Panchama
ostel for information. The accounts of 1935-36 may
sent for audit at any early date.

R. 24.6.36

Copy of letter A-6. 4611/37 dt. 20.9.37 from the Commissioner of Labour and Rural uplift, Madras to the Collector, Bellary

Defriend. clause - Bellary - Panchama Girls' Hostel Gram
Accounts for 1936-37 - and Sanction of grant for 1937-3

Ref: your letter Dr. Dis. C. No 4483/37 Dated 1-9-37.

Please let me have your remarks on the following points:

Recovery of grant for the period for which the hon
worker's short - Viz 11 days in 1936-37

The assessed grant for 1936-37 is Rs 600/- for 15
pupils for 10 months at Rs 4/- each per mensem. As the
period of term days was only 9 months and 19 days and
in fact short of 10 months by 11 days a Sum of Rs 22/-
has to be recovered from the grant paid for Rs 1936-37

Age-limit of pupils maintained in the hostel.

Please let me know why there should be in
the hostel girls below 6 yrs age. There were two
such girls during last year and in the current year
also there is one girl named Leelavathi who is
only 4 years age. The class in which she is read
ing now has not been indicated

iii Grants from the Director of Public Instructions
and the Harijan Sevak Sangha

Please let me know whether the Hostel
Received grants for the same set of boarders from
other sources e.g. Director of public Instructions Scholarship
grant and the Harijan Sevak Sangha.

To,

The Commissioner of labour and rural uplift,
Madras.

Through the District Labour Officer, and Collector
Bellary.

Sir,

With reference to your letter A-6.4611/37 dated 20-9-'37 the true copy of which was communicated to me through the collector of Bellary on 4-10-'37, I the undersigned secretary of the Panchama Girl's hostel Bellary beg to place the following for your kind and favourable consideration and early orders:-

1. If the fact that the hostel was run for some orphan girls even in the vacation and the fact that more girls than the required number (15) were fed throughout the year, so also the fact that some girls remained in the hostel for short vacation are to be ignored, the commissioner is at liberty to deduct the sum of Rs.22/- from the first instalment of Rs.300 to be paid for 1937-'38 which has become overdue. Or the secretary will refund the said amount of Rs.22 after she receives the grant. The secretary has already advanced more than Rs.150/- from her own pocket and in addition incurred heavy liabilities for food and clothing of the girls not as yet discharged.

2. The young girl aged four years referred to in para 1 is an orphan girl and has lost both her parents. She belongs to the panchama or harijan community. The hostel has boarded more than fifteen girls excluding this little girl. The feeding of this girl has nothing to do with the grant from the government. She is fed out of public subscriptions to the hostel. This girl is not sent to any school.

3. The hostel authorities have not as yet applied to the Director of Public Instructions for orphanage grant. They have not received any grant from him. The hostel has not received any grant from the Harijan Sevak Sangh for the years 1935-'36 and 1936-'37. For the previous year it applied and received the grant for Rs.100/- said from the Sevak Sangh

4. With reference to the point raised in para 2 of the letter, the secretary submits that it imposes a new condition. The G.O.No.Mis 602 Development Department dated 15th April 1936 by virtue of which a grant of Rs.600/- was sanctioned for the maintenance of 15 depressed class girls in the hostel does not lay down the condition that

that there must be sufficient number of boarders in the hostel readin standard IV and above. Of course the government by its order is competent to lay down new conditions for future grants after giving the secretary an oppurtunity to comply with them. The hostel has already run this year for the months of April, ~~xxxx~~(May) June, July, August and September. All of a sudden the above letter is received by the secreta on 4-10-'37. This is the middle of the school year. The secretary does not know whether this is an enforceable government order or a tentati suggestion or opinion of the Commissioner in regard to the future admission of girls in the hostel. The hostel is closed from 3rd Octobe to 18th October for Dasara holidays along with the local schools. The Commissioner is requested to let me know positively before the 15th o this month whether the hostel should be kept open for the old boarder after the 18th October at the government costs. This will save the secretary and the government from future responsibilities and liabili ties. For the period between 1st April to 3rd October 1937 the secreta has incurred cash expensesand liabilities in respect of credit bills for 15 girls expecting to get the promised grant from the government. The secretary therefore hopes that the commissioner will get the nece ssary government sanction for the grant of the first installment of Rs. 300/- immediately to enable her to defray the above charges.

5. Lastly in respect of the new conditions sought to be super-impos on the conditions mentioned in the above G.O. I may be permitted to express my own views. This condition, whether so intended or not, will virtually abolish all grants to hostels for panchama girls barring very few exceptions. In our country the girls' education is proverbial backward. In a place like Bellary where four boys' high schools can very well thrive, one girls' high school cannot show decent strength in spi of enormous expense on it in higher classes. The economic as well as social reasons are working against the higher education of the girls. Such being the case of higher communities the education of panchama o harijan girls is still in a very very infant stage. Their parents are ignorant, steeped in poverty and addicted to bad habits. To them the present economic ~~exiks~~ use of the girls is more valuable and needed than the distant benefits of education. They have neither the patience nor the culture to wait for the fruits nor the means to go through the various obstacles. I am not blaming the parents here. We boasting of our

our culture are sinners in not doing our duty towards them. They are sinned against. The girls cannot be expepted to study till 1Vth standard in the villages and come for to Bellary for the 1Vth standard. In these circumstances to limit the grants to hostel- ' Not individual scholar--ships) to girls of the 1Vth standard and above coming from villages utside Bellary is nothing short of infanticide and is highly dis- ouraging the social workers and poineers trodding in this field. Therefore request you to recommend to the government to take broad ympathetic and generous view of the situation and encourage honorary orkers instead of throwing cold water on their enthusiasm.

6. Very urgent orders are solicited to reach the secretary on or before 15th October 1937 as she has to consider the question of admission of girls after Dasara holidays.

I beg to remain, Sir,
Yours obediently,

(587) M. Shanta Bai

Secretary.

Panchama Girls' Hostel,
Bellary,
Date:- 6-10-'37.

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DEPARTMENT.

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Subject.

Depressed Classes - Bellary - Panchama Girls' Hostel - Grant - 1937--1938- Sanction requested.

ENCLOSURES.
No. 1
Spare copies

A-6- No. 4611/37

Station Madras, *Dated the* 21st October 1937 19

From (Name) C.A. Henderson Esq., V.D., I.C.S.,
(Designation) Commissioner of Labour & Rural Uplif

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras,
DEVELOPMENT Department.
Fort St. George.

Sir,

(P)

With reference to G.O.No. 602, Development Department, dated 15-4-1936, a grant of Rs.600/- was paid to the Panchama Girls' Hostel, Bellary, for the maintenance of 15 depressed class girls for 10 months during 1936-37. The Collector of Bellary reports that conditions 1 and 2 of the G.O. were satisfied. The strength of Hindu depressed class girls maintained during the year varied from 16 to 23 and t average expenditure on boarding and lodging was Rs.3/-. per girl per mensem. The total expenditure admissiable for the Government grant was Rs.578/- I have asked the Collector to recover the excess grant of Rs.22/-.

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2. At present there are 20 Hindu depressed class girls in the hostel. A statement showing their names and the classes in which they are studying is enclosed. It shows that they are studying in classes from I to IV as detailed below:

		No. of girls.
Class IV	..	1
Class III	..	1
Class II	..	7
Class I	..	11
	Total	20

The policy of the Labour Department is to give boarding grants to pupils studying in classes IV and above, whereas in the Panchama Girls' Hostel, Bellary, most of the girls are in classes I to III. When first giving the grant to this hostel no condition was laid down that the girls should be studying in classes IV and above. While I am inclined to enforce the general policy of giving boarding grants only to pupils studying in classes IV and above, I do not think that this principle can be introduced in the middle of the current official year without specific notice of the condition given to the Secretary. I am informing the Secretary of the Hostel that with effect from 1938-39, the grant will be continued only if an adequate number of girls studying in classes IV and above are maintained. The grant to the institution may be paid for 1937-38 as a special case.

3. I request that Government may be pleased to sanction the payment to the Panchama Girls' Hostel, Bellary, of a grant of Rs.60 towards the maintenance of 15 Hindu depressed class girls for 10 months during 1937-38 subject to the conditions specified in G.O.No.Ms.602, Development Department, dated 15-4-1936. Necessary provisions is available in Part I of the budget.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
most obedient servant,

for Commissioner of Labour and
Rural Uplift.

R.V. 21/10

Copy to the Collector of Bellary in continuation of the Labour Commr's letter No.A-6-4611/37 dated 20-9-1937.

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ENCLOSURE.

S.No.	Name of the Girl.	Age.	Class in which she is studyinggnow. Standard
1.	Saraswathi	13 ✓	~~XXX~~ IV
2.	Suseela	9 ✓	I (b)
3.	Sarala	9 ✓	II
4.	Padmavathi	8 ✓	I(b)
5.	Uma	8 ✓	II
6.	Mythraiyi	11 ✓	II
7.	Pramila	9 ✓	II
8.	Indumukhi	11 ✓	III
9.	Ramaa	10 ✓	II
10.	Indira	9 ✓	I(b)
11.	Sitaxx	10 ✓	I(b)
12.	Usha	10 ✓	I
13.	Parvathamma.	10 ✓	II
14.	Indubala	10 ✓	II
15.	Lakshmamma	7 ✓	I(b)
16.	Sumitra.	8 ✓	-do-
17.	Mangala	6 ✓	-do-
18.	Syradha.	8 ✓	-do-
19.	Suvandhi	6 ✓	I
20.	Rudramma.	8 ✓	I

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8 — 5
9 — 4
10 — 5
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To,

The Hon'ble Minister for Industries and Labour,

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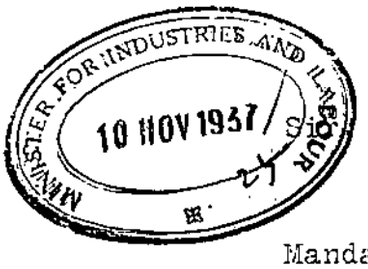

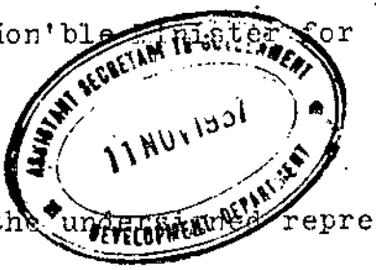

We, the undersigned representatives of the Mahila Hitawad Mandal most respectfully state as follows:-

1. One Harijan Girls' Hostel is run under the auspicies of the above Mandal for the last six years and more. This Hostel has been substantially subsidised by the Government for the last three years.

2. But a recent departmental "principle that for purposes of Government grant Government grant only pupils studying in classes above III Cla should be maintained" is to be enforced from the year 1938-39.

3. We most respectfully submit that this principle should no be enforced at all for at least ten years to come in case of Harijan Girls' Hostel. The introduction of this new principle will virtually abolish all Government grants to Harijan Girls' Hostels thus forcing them to be closed.

4. We learn that this Harijan Girls' Hostel is the only one of its kind in the whole Presidency. There may be Boys' Hostel and other similar institutions run by the Government and other welthy missions. But, Harijan Girls' Hostels maintained by private bodies are very few in India. In our country, girls' education itself is very backward. The education of Harijan girls is still only an idea to be made fun of. The future of educated girls of the Harijan community is merged in obscurity The value of education apart from its economic advantages, is a thing unknown even to higher classes. Such being the case the parents of the Panchama girls cannot be expected to educate their girls at their own cost upto III Class. The girls of the school-going age in that community are a great economic help to their parents. From the 6th year to 12th year, the girls will be used for looking after infants and young children in the house when both the parents are required to work outside for belly. Sometimes, these very tender girls

are required to earn a pittance by their own labour or to collect firewood or cow-dung. The parents cannot afford to save them from the domestic routine for school education and feed and clothe them upto III Class.

Secondly, the practice of giving the girls of 12 years and upwards in marriage for some money consideration is also prevailing in the Harijan community very much.

Thirdly, there are no proper facilities in villages for the Harijan girls to study. Whatever may be the rules of the Education Department for admission and treatment of Harijan students, still, in practice there is difficulty for admissio and treatment given is always differential and insulting. That is the experience of the Organisers of the Hostel in Bellary. This is much more so in villages. In this state of affairs it is impossible to get girls reading in IV Class and above from the villages to our Hostel. Even without this restriction, the Organisers have to meet enormous difficultie in keeping the number of girls steady and in continuity in their education.

5. In this connection, the Hon'ble Minister may call for the statistics of the Harijan girls reading in IV Class of the whole Presidency and see how this new principle is going to cut at the very root of the Harijan girls' education.

6. When the Organisers of this Hostel were expecting full help and co-operation of this popular Government in their work of providing facilities to Harijan girls for education and learning clean habits so as to make good mothers, this new principle is coming as a deadly blow to their aspirations This will kill the very germ of Harijan girls' education. Thi Ministry will be responsible for this infanticide. We therefore most earnestly and sincerely request you to make this question a first charge on your valuable time and energy and see that this infant Institution becomes a model institution and a standing glory of this Ministry for all time to come in the annals of Harijan girls' education.

Dw 5161 IV
17-11-3

From

The Secretary Panchama Girls Hostel
Bellari

The Government of Madras
(Labour Department)

Sir

The Labour Commissioner informs by his letter Dt- 21.10.1937 that he is addressing the Government to Sanction the payment to the above hostel of the usual grant of Rs 600/-.

No order for payment is as yet received The amount is to be paid in the beginning of the school year i.e June 1937.

It is therefore requested that the Government be pleased to order the payment of Rs 600/- without any further delay

Bellary
Dt- 16.11.37

M. Satyavanta Rao
for M. Shanta Bai
Secretary P.G. Hostel

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Special

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From Supt. IV Dn

To Manager, Cy. C. 9742

Des - Panchama Girls hostel - Bellary - grant -

p 134 Please see para 6 of the letter from
p 1172 the Secy. of the hostel dt. 6.10.37
in reply to Commissioner's letter
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pp ~~11-12~~ cy A-6-4611/37 dt. 20.9.37 and
say whether a reply has been
sent to her. If so, please
send a copy of the reply
very urgently before 2 PM
if possible.

2. With ref. to para 4 of Comr's
h 7 of 37 letter D.Dis A-6 No. 4652/37 dt. 24.9.37
V. W.
Dly with you please say whether there any
24/10 definite orders restricting the award
of boarding grants to pupils in Standard
IV & also to pupils above 6 years
of age? If so,

Dly
24/10

Issued
6.10.37

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Post Copy of Telephonic Message

From -- The Commissioner of Labour and Rural Uplift. Chepauk, Madras.

To -- The Superintendent, Development Department, Fort St. George, Madras.

Dated - the 22nd October 1937.

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Depressed classes -- Bellary -- Panchama Girls' Hostel -- Grant.

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Refees-- Your Telephonic Message dated 22-10-1937.

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A reply is being sent to the Secretary, Panchama Girls' Hostel, Bellary, today. Mr. Satyavant Rao, husband of the General Secretary Shanta Bai was informed in person.

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A copy of my letter No. A-6. 4611/37 dated 21-10-1937 is enclosed.

2. Since the inception of boarding grants to individual pupils, the boarding grants are given to pupils studying in classes IV and above. In the case of grants to boarding homes also, Mr. Rutherford considered that only pupils reading in Standard IV and above should be taken into account for the Government grant. I invite a reference to his letter to Government, No. A-6. 4735/35 dated 24-9-1935, disposed of in G.O. No. Ms. 583, Development Department, dated 8-4-1936. The decision to exclude pupils below 6 years of age for purposes of grant to boarding homes is based on paragraph 3 of the Press Communique issued in G.O.No. 1398, Education and Public Health Department, dated 26-6-1937.

(True Copy)

P.V.C. 25/10.

Manager.

25/10

25.10.37

Copy of Letter No. A-6. 4611/37 dated 21-10-1937 from the Commissioner of Labour and Rural Uplift, Madras, to the Secretary, Panchama Girls' Hostel, Bellary.

Depressed Classes -- Bellary -- Panchama Girls' Hostel -- Grant -- Accounts for 1936--37 and sanction of grant for 1937--38.

Refce:-- Your letter dated 6-10-193

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1. The Government grant was for 10 months only and it excludes the expenditure incurred during vacations. In 1936--37, the period of term days at school excluding vacations was 9 months and 19 days and the average cost of boarding and lodging in the Panchama Girls' Hostel, Bellary was Rs. 3/- per girl per mensem. At this rate, the grant payable works out to Rs. 435/- only. As a grant of Rs. 600/- was paid, the amount to be recovered comes to Rs. 165/- (Rs. 600/- minus Rs. 435/-). But having regard to the number of boarders maintained in excess of 15, the total expenditure admissible for the Government grant has been taken to be Rs. 578/- which is the maximum grant for which the hostel is eligible for 9 months and 19 days at Rs. 4/- each per mensem. There is, therefore, an excess grant of Rs. 22/- which may be refunded to the treasury as early as possible.

2. As the hostel has already been run for six months, the principle that for purposes of the Government grant, only pupils studying in Classes above III Class should be maintained will not be enforced during 1937--38. But the grant will not be continued during 1938--39 unless there are sufficient number of girls reading in the IV Class and above. I am addressing Government to sanction the payment to the hostel of the usual grant of Rs. 600/- for 1937--38.

P.V.C.

Petition from the Panchama Girls' hostel, Bellary, dt 12.10.37

pp 2-6 cf

'Please examine and put up my card'

V.V.G.
20.10.37

From the Cy Ld Rv A-6-No 4611/37 dt 21.10

CW 4454 IV/37
pp 14-15 cf
p-4 ante

T.M. from the Cy Ld Rv dt 21.10.37

'Please see the letter from the Secretary of the Panchama Girls' hostel Bellary on pp 2-6 cf. She had addressed a letter to the Comr. of Labour and Rv on 6.10.37 through the proper channel, in which some of the points in the petn on pp 2-6 cf had been raised. Before the Comr had sent a reply to her, she has put in the present petition to Govt. A copy of the Comr's reply to the petn on pp 11-12 cf has been obtained and is on pp p-4 ante.

pp 11-12 cf

Encls 1, 4 & 5 on pp 11-12 cf

pp 2-6 cf

The points raised in the petition are mentioned on p-6 cf. They are dealt with below seriatim.

(1) That the usual grant of Rs. 60 be sanctioned immediately.

The Comr has just applied for sanction for the grant. See A on p 15 cf.

The ~~..~~ Sanction of Govt. however is really not required. The proposal was treated as a Part II Scheme for 1936-37 and provision was made in the Budget. ~~Hence it is sufficient if~~ Provision required to be made in the current year's budget ~~provision is made in Part I of the budget in subsequent years~~; and so long as no increase in the grant is proposed the Sanction of Govt. is not necessary every year. The Comr. was informed on these lines (after acceptance by Finance) in the case of the Servants of India Society hostel at Mayavaram. He may be again informed now on the same lines.

(2). To overrule the objection of the Comr. that there are not sufficient number of boarders reading in Standard IV and above at least for 10 years more.

The reasons advanced by the petitioner are at A on p. 4 of. Short the reason is that in this country the education is backward. The same reason was advanced in para 5 of the letter to the Comr. on p. 12 of. The Comr. points out that the policy of the Govt. is to award boarding grants for pupils reading in

Standard IV and above – please see para 4 on p. 7 of (F) and ~~para~~ A on p 15 of A. As no specific notice was given to the Secretary of the Hostel of the Condition, he has informedly him that the Condition will be enforced from 1938–39.

Please see para 2 of the TA on p ante. The Scholarships of the Labour Dept are also not awarded to pupils below Standard IV. Rewarding grants to Young Children rewarding in classes below Standard IV whose continuance in the hostel sufficient long to receive any benefit is most uncertain, would be mere waste of public money – please see para 2 on pp 6-7 and the statement on p. 8 of (F). Even in the present year there are 11 pupils in class I 7 pupils in class II, and 1 in each of classes III and IV, and the continuance of the pupils of classes I and II could not be relied on, taking into account the past history of the hostel – vide Statt. on p. 8 of (F). The award of rewarding grants to pupils in classes IV and above seems to be a wholesome rule and it does not seem to be necessary to depart from the policy on the subject.

(3) To reconcile the reasons of the Com-

I agree. The Govt is perfectly justified in the view they take in the matter. See (3) on p 6 of 27/F & on p 11 of B & on p 4 of C. 28/2/39

for deducting Rs. 22 this year.

The institution worked only for 9 months 19 days in 1936-37 Please see para (1) on p. 2 Cf. Koraput ~~Bhatpara~~ and ~~Baripada~~. The Comr. has asked the Collr. to recommend the excess grant. It is submitted that the average expre. on boarding and lodging was only Rs. 3 per girl per mensem against the rate of Rs. 4 paid by Govt. and after all the object of the Boarding grant is merely in assisting the institution and not in meeting the entire expre. for the hostel. As the period of term days was only 9 months and 12 days there seems to be no reason to interfere with the Comr's orders in para 1 on p 4 ante.

(4) To order payment of Rs. 92 deducted last year from the grant

(6) To take over the hostel into Govt. hands.

The Secy. of the hostel may be asked to address the Govt. through the Comr. in respect of the above proposals.

(5) To ~~increase~~ sanction the grant to 20 girls at Rs. 5 per girl per mensem for 12 months without any limit in the case of orphan girls only. (The increased grant to Rs 5 is in ~~The Govt have in increasing the grant to 20 girls at Rs. 5 per girl~~ to)

was already considered and the Comr. did not recommend the increase for the reasons stated in para 3 on p. 7 (F). The request may be negatived. The file may be circulated to Hr (I and L) before a reply is sent to the petitioner and to the Commissioner with reference to para 2 of his letter at p. 15

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Draft Cir 3.11.37

A draft order is submitted. As regards para 3 on p. 15 C.F. the Comr. has raised the question whether fresh approval of Govt. is necessary to the payment of pay every year in the linked file. This has been noted on in the linked file. As the sanction accorded in G.O. 602 Dev. dated 15-4-36 was only for 1936-37, the present draft order gives a general sanction subject to the conditions already laid down. The draft may

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be sent to Finance for acceptance

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Dev sw 4310-10/37-1
18/11/37

Para 1 of the Draft order.- In G.O. 602 Dev. dated 15-4-36, the Govt. sanctioned the payment during 1936-37 of a grant of Rs 600 towards the maintenance of 15 depressed class girls in the Panchama Girls' Hostel, Bellary for 10 months, subject to certain conditions. The intention was to continue the grant in future years-see note for the Finance Committee on page 6 of the G.O. There is no objection to accord standing sanction for this expenditure. The words "as a special case" may be omitted as the draft purports to accord a standing sanction.

2. Para 2 of the draft. In disbursing the grant under G.O. 602 Dev. dated 15-4-36, the Labour Commission insisted on the condition that grants will be paid only in respect of students studying in standard IV and above. It is proposed, as a special case, not to insist on this condition so far as the grant for 1937-38 is concerned. The idea at A above may if necessary be brought out in para 2 of the draft order.

Subject to this remark the draft order may be accepted.

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Dear Dept:

The suggestions made by Finance on the previous page have been carried out in the draft order which may now issue

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SUBJECT:— D.Cs- Bellary - Panchama Girls' hostel ~~Grant~~ Admission of pupils below ~~III~~ IV Standard - Orders passed

READ AGAIN 602 Dev. , dated 15-4- 19 36.

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READ *ALSO*:—

No. 4310 IV From the Secy., Panchama Girls' Hostel, Bellary, No. , dated 12-10- 19 37.

" C. of L. and R.U. A-6 4611/37 " 21-10- 19 37

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Order / ~~Resolution~~ Ms. / ~~Rout.~~ No. 2668 dated 2 . 12 19 37.

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(2) on p

(3) on p 6 F

As a special case, the condition that grants will be paid only in respect of students studying in Standard IV and above will not be insisted on so far as the grant for 1937-38 is concerned. pg NF

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~~As a special case~~

The Govt. sanction the payment to the Panchama Girls' Hostel, Bellary, of a grant of Rs. 600 towards the maintenance of 15 depressed classes Girls (for 10 months) in the Hostel subject to the conditions specified in G.O. No. 602 Dev. dated 15-4-36.

2. They are pleased to pass the following orders on the ~~several other~~ several points raised by the Secretary of the hostel in her letter dated 12-10-37:

(i) (a) Removal of restriction of boarding grant to students studying in Standards IV and above.

(b) ~~Non~~Refund of the excess grant of Rs. 22 paid to the Hostel in 1936-37.

~~As regards these, requested, the~~ The Govt. ~~are unable~~ See noraam to interfere with the orders of the C. of L. ~~and R.U.~~ in his letter A-6-4611/37 dated 21-10-37.

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(ii) (a) Refund ~~to the hostel~~ of the sum of Rs. 92 deducted from the grant for 1935-36

(b) Transfer of the hostel to Govt. control.

~~As regards the above,~~ The Secretary of the Hostel is requested to make her representations through the C. of L. ~~and R.U.~~

(iii) Increase of the grant to the hostel to Rs. 1,200 for 20 girls at Rs. 5 per girl per mensem for 12 months.

The Commr. reports that an examination of the strength of the hostel from 1931 shows that the girls did not remain in the Hostel sufficiently long to receive any benefit and that many of them left the Hostel within one or two years of their admission and that the Hostel authorities had admitted new pupils in each year to keep up the total strength. He also reports that the average cost per girl for boarding and lodging in the Hostel in 1936-37 was only Rs. 3 per mensem, and that the Govt. grant of Rs. 600 which was paid for 15 pupils was sufficient to feed 20 pupils for 10 months. In the circumstances the Govt. are unable to sanction any increase in the grant for the Hostel.

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To
The C. of L. ~~and R.U.~~
The A.G. thro' Fin. ~~with a copy of the Commr's letter c/21-10-37~~
The Secy., Panchama Girls' Hostel, Bellary.